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SUBJ: 29TH GA: ITEM 12, ORGANIZATION OF ECOSOC

1. FINNISH AND NORWEGIAN SECOND COMMITTEE REPS ARE CIRCULATING A DRAFT RES ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF ECOSOC. FORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE RES WOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER ITEM 12 TOWARD THE END OF NOVEMBER. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.

2. USUN'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE RES IS THAT THE RES IS GENERALLY INNOCOUS. TWO REFERENCES MADE TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION IN PREAMBULAR PORTION OF THE RES APPEAR ACCEPTABLE. THE OP PARAS, LIKE THE PREAMBULAR SECTION IS TOO VERBOSE. ASIDE FROM THAT, IT MAY BE UNREALISTIC TO REQUEST THE COUNCIL IN WHAT IS ORDINARILY A SHORT ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ITS WORKING METHODS, ITS RELATIONS TO SUB-BODIES, ETC.

3. USUN WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S REACTION TO THE DRAFT SO THAT WE CAN ENGAGE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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EMPHASIZING THE ECOSOC UNDER THE UN CHARTER HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PEOPLES,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2626(XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND ITS RESOLUTION 3178(XXVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1973 ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE STRATEGY.

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTION 3172(XXVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1973 ON THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION,

RECALLING ALSO RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND 3202(S-VI) ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, OF 1 MAY 1974 AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR AN ADEQUATE UN MACHINERY TO DEAL WITH THE MANY NEW AND URGENT PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION,

REAFFIRMING THE CONVICTION EXPRESSED IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1768(LIV) OF 18 MAY 1973 THAT BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR RATIONALIZATION ARE REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CO-OPERATION,

NOTING THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN ITS RESOLUTION 1907(LVII) OF 2 AUGUST 1974 REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PRESENT A REPORT TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1975 CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR A BETTER DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OF QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S PROGRAMME OF WORK EACH YEAR, TOGETHER WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBLE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH MEASURES,

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RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARILY HEAVY PROGRAMME OF WORK FACING THE COUNCIL IN GENERAL IN THE YEARS TO COME AND IN 1975 IN PARTICULAR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE FORTHCOMING MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO, THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AS WELL AS WITH REGARD TO OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS,

1. EXPRESSES ITS CONVICTION THAT ECONSOC, IN ORDER TO DISCHARGE ALL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, SHOULD REORGANIZE ITS WORK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO FACE UP TO THE NEW EMERGING CHALLENGES WHICH REQUIRE URGENT, EFFICIENT AND WELL-COORDINATED ATTENTION AND ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PREPARING THE REPORT REQUESTED IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1907 (LVII), TO MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS REGARDS THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT THAT THE COUNCIL REQUIRES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE LIGHT OF ITS CURRENT WORK-LOAD, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONTINUOUS SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WITH MEETINGS TO BE CONVENED AS NEED ARISES, TOGETHER WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS,

3. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REFERRED TO IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, TO TAKE AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN JANUARY 1975 THE NECESSARY ACTION ALLOWING THE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT ITS WORK DURING THE YEAR 1975 IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE, IF NECESSARY BY BEING IN CONTINUOUS SESSION.

4. REQUESTS FURTHER THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO EXAMINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW ALTERNATIVES FOR ORGANIZING ITS WORK, INCLUDING NEW APPROACHES TO THE FORMULATION OF ITS AGENDA, THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE GRADUAL ADAPTATION OF THESE ORGANS TO A NEW SYSTEM DURING A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AND TO PRESENT A PROGRESS REPORT THEREON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTY SPECIAL SESSION,

5. URGES THE COUNCIL IN UNDERTAKING THE REVIEW REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 12 OF ITS RESOLUTION 1768 (LIV), TO STREAMLINE ITS SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY, WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. UNQUOTE
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